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CORONAVIRUS

California locks down

Governor orders 40M: Stay at home

By Kathleen Ronayne
The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California Gov. Gavin Newsom on Thursday ordered the state’s 40 million

residents to stay at home, restricting nonessential movements to control the spread of the coronavirus that threatens to overwhelm the state’s medical system.

“This is a moment we need to make tough decisions,” Newsom said. “We need to recognize reality.” His move came after counties and communities covering about half the

state’s population already issued similar orders. He said that the restriction is “open-ended” and that it could raise false hopes if he

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New travel alert: Don’t leave U.S.

Most Americans abroad urged to return immediately

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Positive test spurs tower closure at McCarran

By Mick Akers and Glenn Puit
Las Vegas Review-Journal

More than 100 airline flights were canceled Thursday at McCarran International Airport amid a shutdown triggered when an air traffic controller tested positive for COVID-19.

The Federal Aviation Administration ordered the air traffic control tower to be temporarily shut down late Wednesday after the controller’s positive test to ensure it’s a safe work environment for controllers and technicians.

The tower’s closure forced the Las Vegas airport to rely on a backup system with limited capacity, causing some airlines to cancel flights into and out of the airport.

Federal authorities said in a statement that they would start cleaning the control tower on Thursday and that it was not known how long the cleaning process would take. The tower was still closed late Thursday afternoon.

The agency said it was still

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Baylee Williams, 11, left, and her sister Emiah, 12, both of Louisiana, check an information board at McCarran International Airport.

By Matthew Lee
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration has upgraded its already dire warning to Americans against all international travel as the coronavirus outbreak spreads.

At the same time, the State Department disclosed the first positive coronavirus test in a Washington-based employee and announced

new restrictions on the issuance of passports to U.S. citizens.

The department on Thursday issued a new travel alert urging Americans not to go abroad under any circumstances and to return home if they are already abroad unless they plan to remain overseas.

It then said passport applications for U.S. citizens at home and abroad would be severely curtailed.

“The Department of State advises U.S. citizens to avoid all international travel due to the global impact of COVID-19,” it said in the new advice. “In countries where commercial departure options remain available, U.S. citizens who live in the United States should arrange for immediate return to the United States, unless they are prepared to remain

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Editor’s note

Effective this week, our print edition is suspending the weekly Neon entertainment section, which normally runs Friday. With resorts, theaters, showrooms and movie screens closed, concerts canceled and social events highly discouraged because of the coronavirus pandemic, there is not much left in this city to advertise or list in an entertainment guide. It is our goal to bring this section back to the pages of the Review-Journal as soon as the current environment turns around.

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